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SAPC 6081

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director of Operations

SUBJECT: NSA Support for AQUATONE

1. In the light of my memorandum to the Project Director on NSA support and specifically Mr. Bissell's conversation with General Ackerman of 4 May (references: SAPC 5575 and 6080) there remains, as far as I am aware, only one issue with regard to NSA support. This you will recall has to do with the content of spot reports. Colonel [REDACTED] explained that NSA would be firm in resisting any change from its commitment to spot reports only "when any COMINT field unit observes a successful intercept of our aircraft or what appears to be descent of the aircraft below _____ thousand feet." You, I believe, felt very strongly that they should report "any reflection that indicates knowledgeability by the enemy of the presence of the airplanes, the reaction, and the success of this reaction." It was my impression from the conversation in which you participated that [REDACTED] reason for not wishing to fill your request was because of security of COMINT and that NSA had discontinued the practices indicated in your preference.

2. As you suggested I am sending this memorandum to you as a basis for your discussing this matter with Mr. Bissell so that a decision can be reached with regard to this element of NSA support.

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